

## WOMAN SHOTS ARMY CAPTAIN

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INSANITY EXPERT AT MAT-  
TEAWAN ASYLUM.

### CHARGES IMPROPER CONDUCT

Cries Out as She Kills Officer in  
His Tent, "You Have Been  
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Home."

Macon, Ga.—Capt. Edgar J. Spratling of F company, fifth regiment, national guard of Georgia, was shot and killed in his tent at the state mobilization camp here by Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta.

At the county jail, where she is held on a charge of murder, Mrs. Adams asserted that Capt. Spratling, who was a physician, had offended her by attentions paid her several weeks ago while she was in his office in Atlanta for treatment.

According to Lieut. Samuel A. Kyror of F company, who seized her a moment after the shooting, she cried out as she shot the officer: "You have ruined my home."

After the shooting she seemed hysterical. She said afterwards she had never before seen Capt. Spratling in his uniform, but that he had treated her for nervous trouble.

Referring again to the shooting, she declared: "I decided that there was but one thing for me to do, and I did it. When the testimony comes out I feel sure the public will be with me."

Capt. Spratling, who was 47 years old, and married, was well known in medical and social circles in Atlanta. He was regarded as an expert on insanity and once was connected with the Matteawan (N. Y.) asylum in that capacity.

Flags were placed at half mast in the state camp and preparations made to take the officer's body to Atlanta under military escort. His fellow-officers indicate a belief that some nervous disorder had caused the woman to think the physician-officer had acted improperly toward her.

### REPORT GERMAN CROPS GAIN

Yield of Grain Reported to Be Especially Large Due to Intensive Farming.

Berlin, Germany.—Reports on conditions in the central empire, received from thousands of communities at the ministry of the interior, indicate that Germany (outside of the occupied territory and not counting the shipments of grain from Roumania) will garner a harvest exceeding the 1915 yield by fully 70 per cent. This prediction is based on sectional forecasts and on samples of threshing tests.

When the official figures are made public the world at large will learn that Germany's 1916 crop of wheat, rye, oats, barley and potatoes is such that the prophecy of the allies regarding the starvation of Germany is made to look ridiculous, it is stated.

### GERMAN SHIP AT NEW LONDON

Left Boston Thursday—Interned Vessel at Port Where Bremen Is Expected.

New London, Conn.—The German steamer Willehad, which was interned at Boston at the outbreak of the war and which sailed from Boston Thursday, arrived here yesterday.

The Willehad proceeded directly to the state pier, on which are new storage sheds of the Eastern Forwarding Co., the American agency of the German line of submarine merchantmen. These sheds are supposed to have been built for the cargo of the submarine Bremen, said to be on the way here.

### Army Needs Business Men.

Chicago.—Big business men of Chicago are being urged to accept commissions in the new quartermaster's reserve corps authorized by congress. Col. Daniel E. McCarthy, department quartermaster, sent 200 letters to men who are nationally prominent in industry.

### Fugitive Caught in West.

North Yakima, Wash.—J. M. Ford, formerly of Cassville, Mo., was arrested here on an eight-year-old forgery charge and is on his way back to Cassville for trial. At Yakima he had been going under the name of C. C. Hardcastle, and had prospered in the farming business.

### Replace Every Ship Sunk.

Copenhagen.—Germany is ready for the competition of the seas which will take place after the war, declares Philip Heineken, director of the North German-Lloyd Steamship Co., in an interview in the Politiken. Every ship destroyed during the war has been replaced, he said.

### Murdoch Sails for Orient.

Vancouver, B. C.—Former Representative Victor Murdoch, the Kansas Progressive leader, has sailed for a three-month tour of the Orient.

### Republicans for Dry State.

San Francisco, N. H.—The Republican state convention is on record as favoring the submission of amendments to the constitution providing state-wide prohibition and votes for women.

### Earthquake Shakes Cairo, Ill.

Cairo, Ill.—Cairo was shaken by an earthquake, but there was no damage done. The direction of the shock was northeast-southwest. A low rumbling accompanied the tremor. An earthquake shock was felt here May 21.

## AMMUNITION FOR FRENCH MORTARS



An official photograph from the British western front showing the moving of mortar ammunition up to the trenches. A bridge has been built over a trench where the men had "dug in."

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Macon, Ga.—Capt. E. J. Spratling of F company, fifth infantry of the Georgia national guard, was shot and killed in front of his tent at the state mobilization camp here by Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta.

Mrs. Adams was arrested on the statement of several officers and men that she shot the militia officer. She declined to make a statement.

Mrs. Adams was turned over to civil authorities, who placed her in the county jail.

Guardsmen at the camp said the woman reached there shortly before noon and at her request was directed to Capt. Spratling's tent. She asked the officer if he was Capt. Spratling, and on being told that he was, she shot him twice with a pistol.

Guardsmen then seized her. She gave her Atlanta address and said she was married and had three children. She declined to give her reason for the act.

### Had Been Physician for Mrs. Adams.

Atlanta, Ga.—H. C. Adams, husband of the woman arrested at Macon, said that his wife had been troubled with nervousness and had been treated by Capt. Spratling, who was a physician in private life. Mrs. Adams told her husband, he said, that she had objected to remarks she said the physician made to her.

### REPORTS BREMEN'S CAPTURE

British Ship Officer Quoted as Saying Submarine Was Caught in Straits of Dover.

New York, N. Y.—The New York City News Association, which gathers news for New York newspapers, has quoted an officer of the British merchant marine, who arrived here on board the White Star liner Baltic, as authority for the statement that the German submarine Bremen has been captured by the British and her crew of 35 made prisoners. The Bremen, according to the account, was captured in the Straits of Dover in a steel net on Aug. 2. Two members of her crew lost their lives.

The Bremen, it was said, while enmeshed in the net, was sighted by a British patrol boat, her stern under water and her bow above the surface. After endeavoring for a time to extricate the wreck, the patrol boat steamed away to Dover with her prisoners.

According to the officer quoted, the British government has maintained silence in regard to the capture as another transatlantic submarine, the Amerika, was said to be on the way here and it was hoped to capture her also.

### Lehigh to Stop Guardsmen's Pay.

New York.—The Lehigh Valley Railroad announces that its employees doing military duty on the Mexican border have been urged to apply for a discharge under conditions offered by the war department to national guardsmen who have others dependent upon them. Failure to do so, the company informed its men, will be interpreted to mean that they prefer military service and their pay from the company will cease on Sept. 15.

### Christmas Ship to Alaska.

Seattle, Wash.—A Christmas ship is on her way from Seattle to Alaska. She is the motor ship Kuskokwim River, which is headed for the stream whose name she bears. Her cargo, which includes Christmas toys and gifts, is destined for seldom visited points far up the Kuskokwim and other places in the interior.

### Three Trainmen Killed.

Easton, Pa.—Three trainmen were killed in a wreck on the Lehigh & New England Railroad near here.

### Assistant of Edison Dies.

Orange, N. J.—Emil Herter, 59, for 30 years Thomas A. Edison's chief mechanical engineer in the laboratory at the West Orange plant, who had worked on many of Edison's important discoveries, is dead here.

### Kansas Farmer and Wife Killed.

Olathe, Kans.—The bodies of Henry Mueller, a well-known farmer, and his wife were found in a dismantled building on their farm near Stilwell, Kans., after a search was made by officers and neighbors.

### FORGED NAME OF HIS BROTHER EIGHT YEARS AGO.

J. M. Ford, Accused of Forgery at  
Cassville, Trapped After Changing  
Name and Disguising as Farmer

North Yakima, Wash.—J. M. Ford, who for years has been going under the name of C. C. Hardcastle, a prosperous farmer of the Grenger district, was arrested here by a detective and taken back to Cassville, Mo., to answer a charge of forgery.

It is alleged that he forged the name of his brother-in-law to notes for several thousand dollars eight years ago. Since then the officers have been following many clues.

Finally, a detective, disguised as a lawyer setting up Ford's father's estate, secured entrance to the home of Mrs. Ford's parents in Oklahoma, and while her aged mother was in another room rifled the desk and obtained a letter written by Ford's little girl to her grandparents.

Ford reluctantly admitted his identity when arrested and returned to Missouri without extradition papers, expressing confidence that he could square accounts.

The officers agreed to keep the arrest secret, but facts became known when the Union Bank of Granger applied in court for a receiver for the Ford estate, alleging indebtedness to the bank.

### CHILE OFFERS RESCUE SHIP

Chilean Government Puts Yelcho at  
Disposal of Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Punta Arenas, Chile.—The Chilean government has announced that it has placed the ship Yelcho at the disposal of Sir Ernest Shackleton for another attempt to rescue the members of his South Polar expedition, marooned in Elephant Island.

It is feared here the men may have already died from starvation. In making the announcement the government used the significant phrase, "To rescue the men or the scientific material, if the party has succumbed." The Yelcho is being stocked with provisions. Shackleton plans to sail within a few days.

### \$500,000,000 German Relief Fund.

Berlin.—The amount raised by the German municipalities for the relief of families of soldiers has reached about 2,000,000,000 marks (\$500,000,000). The federal treasury will turn over to the municipalities at a later date 500,000,000 marks.

### New U. S. Consul for Moscow.

Washington.—Madden Summers of Nashville, Tenn., acting chief of the bureau of Latin-American affairs in the state department, has been selected for consul general at Moscow, Russia, and will have charge of war prisoners' relief work.

### Man and Woman Found Dead.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Thomas Gillin, a prominent ranchman of Falcon, 30 miles east of here, and Mrs. Mary E. Simmons, his housekeeper, were found dead with bullet holes in their heads. Conditions point to murder and suicide.

### German Blacklist Dutch Firms.

Amsterdam.—Germany has issued a blacklist of certain Dutch firms, which are denied German goods, and that Dutch merchants who supply the blacklisted firms with German goods are threatened with a similar boycott.

### Recluse Kills Self.

New York.—Stephen Van Allen, a recluse who for more than two years has been leading a secluded life on his luxurious motor boat, shot himself to death on the boat.

### Gorizia Commander Dismissed.

Berne, Switzerland.—A court martial at Klagenfurt has sentenced Gen. Riedel, in command at Gorizia when the city was captured by Italians, to dismissal from the army and loss of his rank and pension.

### British Steamer Founders.

London.—The British steamer Quera, 2,801 tons, has foundered after striking rocks west of the Big Blasket Island, off the coast of Kerry. Thirty-four of the crew have been landed at Ventry. The captain and two others are missing.

### Strike Ties Up Chattanooga Cars.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—The street car service in Chattanooga has been suspended following the action of more than 100 reserve car men joining the strike.

## 2 DEAD; 18 HURT IN AUTO RACE

SEVEN CARS PILE UP IN FIRST  
TURN OF "GET AWAY"  
RACE.

### MECHANICIAN DECAPITATED

Accident Occurred When Peacock's  
Car, Leading in Race, Skidded  
and Struck Fence at the  
First Turn.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Marion Arnold of Chicago and Jack Peacock of Brooklyn were killed and eight of the other drivers and mechanics were injured when 11 racing cars were piled up in a heap at the quarter-mile turn of Recreation Park mile track on the get away for the third annual derby in this city.

The overturning of Sunbeam 12, driven by Peacock, as it rounded the first turn of the second mile, caused the accident. Peacock's car struck the fence, swinging lengthwise across the track, and tipped over on its side.

Track officials made a desperate effort to flag the 13 cars that were thundering up from behind, but without success.

### Eleven Cars Piled Up.

Burt's Stutz was the first to strike the wrecked Sunbeam 12. Then nine other cars piled, one after another, in the smoking death heap. Four of the cars were far enough in the rear to avoid smashing into the wreckage.

Track officials made for the pile-up and at the same time the crowds made a rush from the grand stand. When the first reached the scene, Arnold's body was found beneath the battered Stutz, with his head missing.

The injured: F. E. Marquette, Kalamazoo, Peacock's mechanic; skull fractured. W. L. Downs, Kalamazoo, driver of Bulck, head cut, unconscious. Andy Burt, Chicago, driver of Stutz, badly bruised.

Otto Henning, Chicago, driver of Ogren; injured by blow above the groin. Jimmie Alexander, Sioux City, Ia., mechanic for Billy Chandler; cut and bruised.

Thomas Ball, Coldwater, Mich.; a driver of a Chalmers; back hurt. Guy Bailey, Coldwater, Mich., mechanic for Ball; face cut and back hurt.

### Rev. Dr. T. B. Cleland, 73, Dies.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Cleland, pastor of the Knox Presbyterian church, and one of the most prominent men in the Presbyterian church, is dead. He was 73 years old. Recently he was afflicted with a stroke of paralysis.

### Niagara Lighted at Night.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—The beauty of the falls of Niagara has been rescued from the darkness of night by a flood of electric lights that are hurled against the waters of the American falls by five batteries of lamps at different points on the state reservation.

### Tampa Tax Collector Convicted.

Tampa, Fla.—J. L. Hollingsworth, former city tax collector, was found guilty of embezzling city funds. Hollingsworth was charged specifically with the embezzlement of \$235, but a report of the city auditor says \$29,457.29 has been taken. Hollingsworth returned \$5,000 and a bonding company made good the rest.

### T. R. Plans Another African Hunt.

Marion, O.—Theodore Roosevelt will depart in December for another hunting trip to Africa, said George Scovill, blacksmith at the Fairbanks Steel Shop Co., here, and a foreman on Roosevelt's former African trip. Scovill has been hired to go soon after the November election.

### \$14,000,000 Once; \$5 Now.

New York.—Patrick Calhoun, the grandson of the famous statesman and prominently identified with the San Francisco street railway system until a few years ago, testified in a receivership proceeding here that \$5 was the only tangible asset remaining of a fortune of \$14,000,000 possessed by him five years ago.

### Schools to Keep Closed Until Sept. 18.

Wilmington, Del.—The state board of health forbids the opening of all schools to children under 16 years of age until Sept. 18, because of the prevalence of infantile paralysis. The order applies to churches and Sunday schools.

### Cholera Outbreak at Vera Cruz.

Havana.—A quarantine of five days' detention for persons arriving from Vera Cruz has been declared in Cuba on news of a cholera outbreak at the Mexican port.

### Louisiana Mob Lynches Negro.

Shreveport, La.—A mob of 1,000 took Jess Hammett, a negro, from the jail at Vivian, 20 miles north of here, and hanged him to a telegraph pole. He was identified by a white woman as the man who had attempted to her, armed with a butcher knife.

### Carranza to Call Convention.

Mexico City.—First Chief Carranza will issue within a few days a call for a convention of elected delegates, representing all states in the republic, to meet at Queretaro, probably in October, to ratify decrees issued by him.

### \$200,000 Fire in Swift's Chicago Plant.

Chicago.—Fire destroyed two large five-story brick buildings belonging to Swift & Co., at the stockyards, causing a loss estimated at about \$200,000.

## DISCOLORATIONS IN CAPITOL STONES

"HALF MOONS" CAUSED BY SALT  
USED TO PREVENT DRILL  
HOLES FROM FREEZING.

### TO BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Capitol Commissioners Disclaim Any  
Responsibility and Say Action  
to Prevent Freezing Was  
Taken by Contractors.

Jefferson City.  
Hundreds of stones used on the exterior of the new Missouri state capitol, now under construction, are marred by large discolorations in the shape of half moons.

These half-moon shaped discolorations were caused by the percolation of salt in solution through the pores of the stones.

They are troubling both the commissioners and the contractors, and may provoke controversy later on unless they disappear or are satisfactorily removed.

When the stones were quarried and dressed each of them had drilled into them two holes and these were used for hoisting and moving them about.

When freezing weather came on last winter these drill holes filled with water and the expansion by freezing cracked many of the stones.

When this was discovered, the contractor, John Gill & Sons Co., through its agents, put salt into these holes to prevent their freezing.

This salt, dissolved by water, drained from the holes through the pores in the hard limestone. Upon the face of each stone so treated appears a discoloration which is visible for a long distance.

Some of the stones thus discolored have been set in the walls and exposed to the wind and sun for several months, and hundreds for several weeks, but the spots are still pronounced.

The capitol commissioners disclaim any responsibility for the use of salt in the drill holes and say this action to prevent freezing was taken by the contractor upon his own responsibility.

John T. Short, who supervises the work for the state, says that the salt was used by Gill without the approval of the commission. Short was of the opinion, however, that the spots would disappear in time.

The discolorations were removed from a number of the stones, Speer said, by a slight dressing. The commission does not believe the structure of the stone has been harmed by the salt solution, the only damage being to the beauty of the stone.

Within six weeks the stone on the exterior will be in place and the prediction is that the legislative hall will be ready for occupancy by the time the legislature meets. It would be necessary, however, to use the present furniture because the commission is without authority to purchase any, the supreme court has held.

### Elect Cowgill Chairman.

James Cowgill of Kansas City was elected chairman of the Democratic state committee at its meeting here preceding the platform convention. His election was without a single dissenting vote. Doc Brydon of Stoddard county was elected secretary.

An attempt to start a fight on Cowgill, choice of Fred D. Gardner, Democratic nominee for governor, and Senator Reed, blew up. Frank Faris attempted to organize a fight, but made no headway. Gardner, on his arrival from California, told committee men Cowgill was his choice and that stopped the fight.

### Asked to Indorse Land Bank.

Both the Democratic and Republican conventions will be asked to indorse the Gardner land-bank proposed constitutional amendment.

### Attitude of Candidates on Liquor.

Neither former Supreme Judge Henry Lamm, the Republican nominee for governor, nor Frederick D. Gardner, the Democratic candidate, want the liquor question brought up as an issue in the campaign. The experience of both in the primary election was such as to cause them to wish to have the question dropped from political discussion. Both Lamm and Gardner were attacked during the campaign as being "wets," although neither candidate, either by his own declaration, or by his record, took any stand for or against either side in the wet and dry controversy.

### "Lord" at Dance.

"Lord" P. Seymour Barrington, bigamist and murderer, who was at one time under sentence of death for killing James McCann in St. Louis county in 1903, and whose sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, was present at the ball given at McClung Park. He was in charge of the women's wraps.

### Major Appoints J. T. Davis.

Gov. Major, upon return from his vacation, appointed J. R. Davis as president of St. Louis police board.

### McClung Not to Be on Committee.

James Cowgill, chairman of the Democratic state committee, while in Jefferson City said that D. C. McClung, warden of the Missouri penitentiary, and former chairman of the Democratic state committee, would not be made a member of the executive committee of the new organization.

Mr. McClung was defeated in the eighth district for re-election to the Democratic state committee recently. He has made no comment concerning

### Militia to Have Full Strength.

In an effort to recruit the national guard of Missouri to the full strength under the new military law, 12 officers of the Missouri brigade have been detailed to open recruiting stations in 60 Missouri cities and towns. St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph will each have two stations, and Trenton, Springfield, Webb City, Sikeston, Nevada and Boonville will each have one station. There will be 53 substations, which the recruiting officers will be required to visit at least once a month. The officers will be opened immediately.

The recruiting of all the Missouri units to full strength will add approximately 2,000 men to Gen. Clark's command and bring the total up to approximately 7,000.

Capt. Gunther Meier of the first infantry will be stationed at St. Louis. First Lieutenant Harry F. Sudgen of the first infantry will be stationed at St. Charles, Ferguson, Kirkwood, Wellston and Webster Groves. Second Lieutenant Harry W. Thompson of the first will go to Boonville and have charge of substations at Jefferson City, Sedalia, Columbia and Clinton.

### Commanders Resigned.

Maj. Gen. Funston has given out the tentative assignment of commanders of eight of the new divisions of the national guard. They will have to be confirmed by the war department, and definite assignments must also await the signing of the commissions of some of the commanders by the president. The division assignments are:

Ninth—Brig. Gen. William L. Stbert.

Tenth—Brig. Gen. Charles G. Morton.

Eleventh—Brig. Gen. George Bell, Jr.

Twelfth—Brig. Gen. H. A. Greene.

Thirteenth—Brig. Gen. James Parker.

Fourteenth—Brig. Gen. Granger Adams.

Fifteenth—Brig. Gen. William A. Mann.

Sixteenth—Brig. Gen. Edward H. Plummer.

Headquarters of the commanders have not all been designated, but Generals Bell and Morton will be at El Paso, General Greene at San Antonio, General Parker at Brownsville, General Mann at Laredo and General Plummer at Nogales.

### Senator Bronson Arrested.

State Senator Solomon E. Bronson, the defaulting secretary of the Finley Building and Loan Association of Ozark, Mo., was arrested on the charge of embezzling funds of the association.

The warrant was issued from the office of Justice D. F. Burgess and the complaint was made by Dr. Daniel F. Hedgepeth, cashier of the Ozark Savings Bank, who holds matured and unpaid stock of the association to the amount of \$1,000. Bronson has given bond for \$1,000 for his appearance, the bond being signed by two of his former bondsmen, John C. Rogers and John S. Taylor, and by W. L. Woody, manager of the Christian County Telephone Co., and J. A. Kerr, a farmer residing near town, and former director of the loan association.

### Gordon made public Bronson's statement.

An annual receipt, since 1903, and the examiner's report of the bank's records of annual deposits made by Bronson. The statement also showed an annual discrepancy. The table, which does not include the odd cents for each year, follows:

### Gets His Release.

T. A. Noble of Jasper county, stepped from the penitentiary into the arms of his wife and five children, after having served four months of a two-year sentence for robbing a hen coop in Joplin to provide his family with something to eat. He was released under a parole to J. W. Caywood of Joplin. Noble only secured five pellets as a result of his raid. He is 66 years old.

### Ask Their Discharge.

Thirty men of company F of the fourth regiment, all undergraduates of the University of Missouri, have handed in their applications for discharge under the "student order."

### \$1,951,042.27 for Public Schools.

State Dept. of Public Schools. General has apportioned among the several districts money to which each is entitled from the state school fund, this year aggregating \$1,951,042.27.

### Convict Recaptured.

Using